TIMBER—ILLICIT REMOVAL FROM PULLAMKANDAM BEAT IN 1113

360. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests has received any petition or petitions from Kanakaparambil Pappu Ezhuthassan and others of Vilvattam, in Dhanu 1113, pointing out certain cases of illicit removal of timber and fuel from Pullamkandam beat in Paravattani Forest Range;

(*b*) if so, the date of such petitions and the summary of their contents;

(*c*) whether any enquiry was made on such petitions;

(*d*) whether the Conservator or the Working Plan Officer has personally inspected the sites from where illicit removal of timber and fuel was alleged;

(*e*) the current number of the file or files wherein this matter was dealt with;

(*f*) if so, whether the Government can place that file or files on the table of the House?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* (*a*) No. (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

NON-CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE STATE

361. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of non-credit co-operative societies existing in the State at present;

(*b*) the number of such societies started if any during the last 5 years;

(*c*) how many of these are confined to the agriculturists of the State?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 86.

(*b*) 56.

(*c*) 2.

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Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: May I know whether all these 56 are working properly now.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The word "properly working" is a difficult word. I cannot say that they are working very satisfactorily.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Will the Government realise the necessity of starting more agricultural non-credit societies?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We are trying to do that.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Do the Government give some help to these societies for carrying on the respective work?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: To some of them, not all, at the very beginning.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are there complaints that these societies would not work without substantial work from the government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We cannot give help to all societies. We will consider the question, and wherever necessary, help will be given.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the case of Industrial Societies started, is it not advisable that the government should adopt a liberal policy of granting allowances?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: If a society has enough popular response and if the government is doing good work, they will extend all possible help.

CONTRACT—DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES

362. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ: താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ദയയായി മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

കോളനികളിലേയും മറ്റും പണികൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനു് ഫർഫർ-ലെ കൺട്രാക്ടു് നൽകിട്ടുള്ളതു് ആർക്കാണെന്നു പ്രകാശിപ്പിക്കുമോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: കോളനികളിലേയും മറ്റും പണികൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനു് ഇക്കൊല്ലം ആരും കൺട്രാക്ടു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ: ഇക്കൊല്ലം കൺട്രാക്ടു് കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുവാൻ വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

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